

## MOA Solent Branch

# Hamble Dash

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

It had been a few years since the Solent branch has had a Hamble Dash. Two visiting yachts Sebby and Severn Lady arrived on Friday and were berthed at Swanwick Marina. Local yachts Galata and Safina also joined the dash. The morning was overcast and there were showers forecast so we set off prepared for a range of conditions. We met up on the river outside of Swanwick Marine just before 11:30 and started the dash with the benefit of the flooding tide helping us. Beyond Deacons Marine we passed under the A27 bridge, a railway bridge and then under the M27. Once clear of the bridges we were able to enjoy the countryside as we progressed up the river. The only navigation needed was to take the right-hand branch of the river near Fairthorne Manor, from here the river narrowed.

It took a little under an hour to reach Curbridge and the Horse and Jockey pub, a distance of around 3.5nm. Landing proved to be a challenge as there was no longer a landing jetty so some care was needed on the muddy bank. With shared help we were all able to land safely with noting worse than muddy feet that were easily cleaned. We had an excellent lunch in the Horse and Jockey pub during which the skies darkened and then a heavy down pour. Following which the sky brightened and the sun came out.

Launching after lunch was easier as by this time the tide was high so there was less muddy bank to clear. We had a pleasant trip back down the river. With the sun coming out there was a lot more activity on the river with paddle boarders, canoeists and swimmers enjoying themselves. We met back at Sebby in Swanwick Marina where we enjoyed a cream tea with very generous helpings of cream and jam.

Our thanks to Dave and Teresa Kennard for Co-ordinating the event. It was worth it just for the cream tea.





